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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Charles L. A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator The South Carolina Public Service Commission P.O. Box 11649 Columbia, S.C 29211

RE: State Certification Requirement for Federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") – Study Area 240526

Dear Mr. Terreni,

In order to receive federal local switching support beginning January 1, 2009, the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("PSCSC") must file its annual certification on or before October 1, 2008. In accordance with Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 54.314 for rural carriers, and Section 54.313 for non-rural carriers, Verizon South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon South Carolina ("Verizon") respectfully requests that this Commission accept the ongoing use of local switching support to maintain current basic rates and to certify with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that Verizon is eligible to receive federal support in 2009.

Wherefore, Verizon, respectfully requests that the Commission certify to the FCC that it is eligible to receive federal support for 2009.

With kind personal regards, I am

Stan J. Bugner

Enclosure

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director at the S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff

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